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No Blame, No Shame: A Conversation About Race Panel Discussion



On November 7, 2019, the S.C. Human Affairs Commission and the S.C. Collaborative for Race and Reconciliation held a panel discussion titled, "No Blame, No Shame: A Conversation About Race" at the Lessie B. Price Senior and Youth Center in Aiken County. Dr. Jennifer H. Gunter, Executive Director of the S.C. Collaborative for Race and Reconciliation, served as moderator.

The purpose of this series of discussions is to bring all South Carolina citizens together to have an honest and open discussion that will spur further positive dialogue. Counties visited thus far are: Richland, York, Charleston, Florence, and Aiken.

November is
Native American
Heritage Month

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December is **NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH**

This month and every month to follow, everyone in the United States is encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans. December is a time to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international document stating the fundamental rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled. These rights include freedom from discrimination, the right to equality, and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

The Universal Month for Human Rights started in 1948 when the United Nations wrote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Veteran News

Right now, in South Carolina, military retirees under the age of 65 can claim state tax exemptions of up to \$14,600. Retirees who are over 65, can claim an exemption of up to \$27,000.



This could change under the Workforce Enhancement and Military Recognition Act (H.3135). The legislation would allow an individual taxpayer who has military retirement income each year to deduct an amount of their South Carolina earned income from South Carolina taxable income equal to the amount of military retirement income.

Essentially, veterans would not have to pay state taxes on their retirement income. A handful of states such as, North Carolina and Florida have made this change.

Annual Event Calendar for
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January
MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February
African American History

March
Women's History/End Racism Day

April
Fair Housing

May
Law Enforcement/Community Relations

June
Disaster Preparedness/ Emanuel 9
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation

July
Employment Discrimination/ Economic Opportunity

August
Youth Project/Back to School

September
Hispanic Heritage/ Cultural Diversity

October
Disability Employment Awareness

November
American Indian Heritage/ Veterans' Appreciation

December
Aging & Poverty Issues